Formation of Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission

1873. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had announced the formation of Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission; and

(b) if so, the details of the same and how different would be its role from the existing Pharmacopoeia Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Commission is proposed to be set up as a Registered Society under the Societies Registration Act 1860 with the object of preparation, revision and publication of Indian Pharmacopoeia and addenda or supplementary compendia at suitable intervals and preparation of reference standards.

Opening of Institute of Medical Sciences in Bangalore

1874. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to open Institute of Medical Sciences in Bangalore in the shape of AIIMS of Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Last year, a scheme called Pradhan mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna was launched wherein it was decided in-principle to set up one AIIMS-type institution each in the states of Bihar (Patna), Chattisgarh (Raipur), Madhya Pradesh (Bhopal), Orissa (Bhubaneshwar) Rajasthan (Jodhpur) and Uttaranchal (Rishikesh). These states were chosen as they were under served in terms of medical infrastructure, high incidence of mortality and morbidity, inadequate facilities for superspeciality services etc. The scheme is being processed for necessary clearances from competent levels and the final decision will be based on the outcome.